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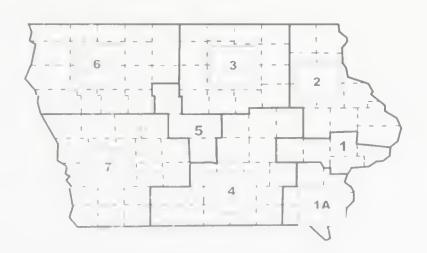
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From the Editor

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Presidents Message

Chris Seuntjens

Dear Fellow numismatists:

I am pleased to be writing you as your new President of the lowa numismatic association. I will always do my level best to provide the consideration and service that the INA deserves.

One of my goals, as President, is getting new members. I firmly believe the INA is one of the best state organizations in the country. The \$10 membership fee includes three issues annually of The Iowa Collector, which is one of the best state journals. The INA also conducts an annual coin show and convention with free seminars. The INA also worked for 7 years to get the sales tax repealed on coins, bullion and currency whish is a monumental boost to numismatics in Iowa. I hereby challenge the INA Board and INA members to increase our membership by 100 members in the next 2 years. The strength of any organization is its membership and I believe we can meet this goal

2010 saw a large upswing in the precious metals markets. This has sparked a lot of new business in coin shops and coin shows. One very important issue we face is the 1099 reporting clause in the Federal Health Care Bill. This clause states that beginning in 2012 any business purchasing products totaling \$600 or more would require to have the seller fill out a 1099 and send it to the IRS. The consequences this regulation would have on the coin industry would be very serious. As of late, it appears that this regulation will be repealed. However, the INA and ICTA are monitoring this very closely.

In October the Annual INA Coin Show and Convention was held in Des Moines. Attendance at the show was good with most dealers reporting satisfactory business. We were privileged to have Gary Henderson speak on his new Iowa Trade Token book and Don Mark spoke on Iowa National Bank Notes. Both free seminars were well attended. The show was hosted by the Des Moines Coin Club which did an exemplary job, as usual, in putting on a well organized show. Thank you to all the Des Moines Coin Club members.

If you have any questions or concerns with the INA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope you all had the most joyous holiday season and I wish you all the best in 2011.

Chris Seuntjens (515) 251 4031

From the Secretaries Desk

Beverly Ashton

Hello from Fort Dodge. It really is hard to believe that it is almost another year already. I really don't know

where the time has gone. I am always meaning to be better organized and hopefully one of these days it will really happen.

A call for nominations for Outstanding numismatist of the Year has been put in The Collector. We need nominations with your reasons for nominating the individual you have nominated. The board needs to be able to decide on the three finalists that will be on the ballot next summer. This needs to be taken care of at the Nevada Show in February, so please send nominations to me as soon as possible. This would be a great time for clubs to recognize their hard working members.

Can you believe the bullion market? It is impossible to figure out what is going on from day to day. As of this writing silver is around \$28.00 and gold is around \$1,386.00. I guess it's like the rest of the economy, nobody knows what is going on with any of it.

See you at the shows.

Beverly Ashton INA Sectrary/Treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 26, 2011 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa July 9, 2011 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa October 8, 2011 at Annual INA Coin Show, Altoona, Iowa October 9, 2011 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President Lee Roe called the meeting to order. The minutes were read. Denny Ross motioned that they be approved, John Jackson seconded and they were approved. The Treasurers report was given with a balance of \$9.995.58 in the general fund and \$689.82 in the ICTA fund. Dean Parr moved that we accept the treasurer's report, Don McCulloch seconded and the report was approved.

Rust Crawford asked if we had gotten Parks Quarter boards in for young numismatist. No, the ball had been dropped on that and it did not get done. Denny made a motion to amend buying those for just the INA show to allow Club Shows to receive some of these for YN'S at local shows. The INA will spend up to \$500.00 as needed for the local shows. Rusty seconded the amended motion and it was passed.

Security and or lack of security at the end of the show today was discussed. Do we need more club help with security? Chris said this would definitely be addressed. We have a sold out show with 57 tables sold. There were a few empty spots on the bourse floor, but this was due to some no shows. The 2011 show is already set at Adventureland Inn for Oct 8-9, 2011. Will Fort Dodge be able to host the show in 2012? Sam Ashton said the problem is still finding a facility large enough to host the show but they do want to host it there. John Jackson said we could always come to Sioux City if we needed. Chris said we could probably come back to Adventureland Inn if needed be and said he would see about getting us penciled in for 2012. That is where it stands for now, and if something were to come up and a decision were to be needed right away. Fort Dodge would have to make a decision and let Chris know if he needed to get it reserved for sure.

Election results were given:

President Chris Seuntjens 1' Vice President John Jackson

2rd Vice President Dean Parr Beverly Ashton See Treas. District #1A Clarence Mitchell District #1 Tom Robertson Don Wells District #2 Lee Roe District #3 Sam Ashton District #4 Denny Ross District #5 Rusty Crawfrord Don McCulloch District #7 District #6

Districts at large: Ron Burns, David Stark, Robert Simon

Tom Robertson brought to everyone's attention the fact that Gary Henderson had finished th Iowa Trade Token book and suggested it would be a good idea for local clubs to purchase this book and donate it to their local libraries. Along with this idea Ron Burns noted that Central States will reimburse a certain percentage if the local club is a CSNS member

Lee Roe brought up that IENA approached him about the future possibility of an organization that could help check out dates of up con the

shows in order not to conflict with other major shows either in the local area or nationally. This would also help with promoting of such shows. The status of the 1099 reporting rules was discussed with congress having tabled everything until after the upcoming elections. We really do need to get as many people as possible to let their congressmen know how impossible such a law would be and how devastating it would be for everyone.

Denny motioned we adjourn Chris seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ashton
Secretary/Treasurer

Members present: Rusty Crawford, Harry Peters, Tom Robertson, Sam Ashton, Denny Ross, John Jackson, Ron Burns, Dean Parr, Don McCulloch, Chris Seuntjens, Clarence Mitchell, David Stark, Lee Roe and Bey Ashton

October 10, 2010

adiourned

Membership Meeting

Altoona, Iowa

Lee Roe called the meeting together, then turned the meeting over to Chris Seuntjens our new President. Chris then presented a Past Presidents plaque to Lee Roe as a thank you. Minutes were read, Denny Ross motioned they be accepted. Dean Parr seconded, they were accepted. Treasurers report was given with a balance in the regular account of \$9,995.58 and \$689.82 in the ICTA account. Dean motioned they be accepted as read, Don McCulloch seconded and they were approved.

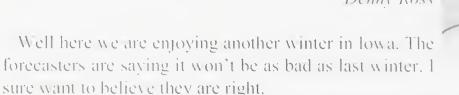
Chris recapped a little of the previous evening's board meeting. Discussion on the 1099 issue continued with more talk on how effective a mass mailing of distinctive colored postcards would be on our congressmen.

Chris thanked Denny for all of his help with the shows and for the great job he has done on bringing The Collector around to the great quality it is today. Chris then thanked Tom Robertson for being our Historian for 15 years and announced that Tom was wanting to step down. Chris will need to appoint somebody to take over. Chris then thanked Bey for being Secretary Treasurer, and thanked Dean Parr for being our Web-Master. Denny made a motion to adjourn, Dean seconded and the meeting was

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Ashton INA See Treas.

From the Editors Desk

Denny Ross



The last four months have seen the bullion market go crazy with gold hitting an all time high and then the prices bouncing around like a rubber ball. Silver prices have been steadily going up, percentage wise, and have done a little better than gold. With the bullion market being so volatile a person doesn't know whether to buy or sell. It has really become a big guessing game.

The hot topic lately, on coin dealers and collectors minds, has been the 1099 issue. With the changes in the U.S. Congress it looks like there is a good chance the 1099 issue could be repealed. This would be a big relief not only to the numismatic markets but to all businesses in general.

The Coin-A-Rama Coin Show is coming up the last weekend of February and this is one show that collectors don't want to miss. This has always been a great show with lots of dealers offering just about any numismatic item a collector could want.

Flook forward to seeing a lot of INA collector members at the show.

Denny Ross

Letter to the editor

Former President Enjoys Iowa Hospitality

I recently had the opportunity to visit a few coin shops in Linn County along with attending the INA convention in Altoona. The last time I attended an INA convention was about 50 years ago when I lived in Cedar Rapids. The midwest hospitality was great along with great food and enjoyment in talking to fellow members of the numismatic community Gary I ewis

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Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, Burlington Public Library, 210 Court Street 7:30 PM, Gary Kirby (a. (319) 752-2913

Cedar Rapids ---- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Dave Vaughn (a. (319) 366-5463

Clarion - Fourth Thursday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM. Harry Peters (a. (641) 762-3735

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Dиbuque ------ First Thursday, Bridge Restaurant. 31 Locust St, 7:00 PM Neil Aitchison (a. (563) 556-5254

Des Moines -- First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00 PM, Roscoe Simmons (a. (515) 262-6008

Fort Dodge ------ Second Thursday, ICCC Applied Sciences & Technology Bldg., 330 Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton (a (515)573-3033

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Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

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Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:00 PM, Russ Post (a. (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM Dr. James F. Ralls (a. (319) 283-4440

Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First & Commercial Streets, 7:00 PM, Dennis Emme (a. (319) 232-0662

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We must increase the price of our ads to keep up the quality of our publication

Think you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens 3427 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, IA 50310

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2011 Coin Show Calendar

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Feb 26-27 Coin-A-Rama - Gates Hall, 825 15th st., Nevada, IA (9-5), (9-3) Scott Nichols (515) 232-9222

March 13 Cedar Rapids Coin Show - Elks Lodge, 801-33 Ave. AW, Cedar Rapids, LX (9-4) Dave Vaughn (319) 366-5463

March 20 - Port City Annual Coin Chow - Holiday Inn, Junction 61 & 38 North muscatine, LX (9-4) Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

March 26-27 Fort Dodge Coin Show - Crossroads Mall, 5 Ave. S & 25 St. Fort Dodge, (10-6) (10-4) LA Sam & Bey Ashton (515) 573-3033

April 3 Quad City Coin Show - Milan Community Center, Camden Park, U.S. Route 67, Milan, II. (9-4). John Brixey (309) 788-8726 Wk days after 4:00pm

April 9 Clarion Coin Show - Clarion High School, 1111 Willow Dr. Clarion, IA (9-4) Jeff Judson (515) 532-2356

May 1 Waterloo Coin Show - Waterloo Recreation Center, West First and Commerce Streets, Waterloo, 1A (9-4) Dennis Emme (319) 232-0662

May 14 Keokuk Coin Show - River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10-5) Tom Gardener (319) 524-7366

July 9 Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo - Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031 or Terry Holdridge (515) 964-1202

Aug 13-14 Iowa Great Lakes Coin Show - Spirit Lake Community Center. North of Great lakes Mall (9-5) (9-3) Don McCulloch (712) 336-4618

Oet 8-9 Annual INA Coin Show & Convention - Adventureland Inn. Altoona. IA (9-5) (10-4) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4013

Oct 16 Tri-State Coin Show - Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA (9-4) Richard Hillard (563) 557-7210

Nov 6 Ottumwa Coin Show - Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street, Ottumwa, 1 \ (9-4) Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Nov 12 Keokuk Coin Show - River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10.5) Tom Gardener (319) 524-7366

Dec 11 Old Capitol Coin Club Show - Quality Inn 1 80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246) Iowa Clly 1A (9-1) Iom Robertson (319) 351-2512

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Any person between the ages of 0 and 18 years old and sponsored by a senior member may be considered for junior membership. Junior members may not hold office, but may vote for elective offices. Dues to be \$2.00 year.

Officers

Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

<u>The Iowa Collector</u>, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The lowal Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: http://ma.anaclubs.org A white copy, of the bylaws, can be obtained by contacting INA Secretary Beverly Ashton, 615 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Call for nominees for the Numismatist of the Year Award

This award is presented biannually to an individual in recognition of their efforts in the support of the field of numismatics.

If you know of an individual you feel is deserving of the Numismatist of the year award write their name on a piece of paper along with a short bio as to why you believe they should be selected as the numismatist of the year. Mail your nomination, by February 15, 2011, to Beverly Ashton, 615 Central Avenue, Fort dodge, IA 50501

The INA board of governors will evaluate all of the nominees submitted and will select three from all of the nominees to be placed on a ballot that will then be submitted to the INA membership for their vote, in a general election, as to who they feel should be the next Numismatist of the year

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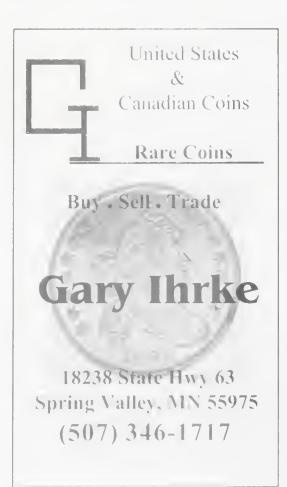




Trivia Quiz

- 1. What other U. S. Coin depicted the flying eagle that was used on the flying eagle cent?
 - A. Bust half dollar
- B. Seated Liberty dollar
- C. Standing Liberty quarter D. Saint Gaudens \$20 gold
- 2. Who was the designer of the wreath on the reverse of the flying eagle cent?
 - A. Charles Barber
- B. Christian Gobrecht
- C. James Longacre
- D. George Morgan

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1856 -1858 Flying Eagle Cents





Following the pattern cent issues of 1854 and 1855, patterns were prepared in 1856 for a small diameter cent, one with a really small diameter. These pieces are known today as 1856 flying eagle cents.

The Treasury Department believed that changing the cent format from the old large copper style was a necessity. However as virtually every adult in America at the time had been accustomed to using large cents since childhood, an educational program was necessary. As a result 1856 flying eagle cents, tiny in comparison

to the large cents, were made in relatively large numbers for a pattern.

For many years the 1856 flying eagle cent has been one of the most desired of all United States coins. "Do you have an 1856 flying eagle cent?" was invariably a question asked of an experienced numismatist by a younger one when I first started collecting. That time in 1953 was when everyone seemed to collect one example each of everything, a complete set of small cents, a complete set of nickel five-cent pieces, and so on. Today, of course, things are vastly different. No one can afford to collect one of each item. Also, the availability of coins isn't what it used to be. Given the needed money it would take much, much longer to find the coins of comparable quality.

Nevertheless, the 1856 flying eagle cent, actually a pattern, remains a "key" piece in the flying eagle series. Information in the National Archives relates that slightly over 600 1856 fling eagle cents were obtained from the Mint in 1856 for distribution among congressmen and others in order to secure the adoption of a new small-sized format. The procedure was not unlike that used in 1879 in an attempt to approve the \$4 gold Stella. In all probability, the 1856 flying eagle cents known today in Uncirculated condition trace their ancestry to the original group of approximately 600 pieces. In addition, most worn specimens are original pieces that found their way into circulation.

Most Proof 1856 flying eagle cents known are probably restrikes made in 1859-1860 and possibly for a few years after that time. The 1856 flying eagle cents occur in several minor die vanities, which can be logically explained by their issuance at different times. From the number known today I would estimate that somewhat more than 1,000 Proof 1856 fling eagle cents were coined. As most Proofs went to collectors, who paid a premium for them, whereas most Uncirculated original pieces did not go

to collectors, the number of surviving Uncirculated specimens is much smaller than that of Proofs. Uncirculated examples are extremely rare and are seldom offered for sale. However when they do come on the market they sell for less than Proof pieces, for Proofs traditionally have been regarded as "superior" to Uncirculated coins (although from a technical viewpoint Uncirculated and Proof coins represent different grades).

During the early part of the present century a number of individuals accumulated large quantities of 1856 flying eagle cents. The most famous of these hoards was a spectacular group of 531 pieces assembled by John Beck, a Pittsburgh collector. An inventory of these pieces made in 1931 by George Clapp revealed specimens in all grades. Beck was a hoarder par excellence, and vast quantities of common-date gold coins were found in his safe deposit box following his death. Many of these were simply cashed in for face value, but enough rarities remained that they formed the subject for several public auctions conducted by California deales Jerry Cohen and Abner Kriesberg during the 1970s. At the same time these dealers distributed the 531 1856 fling eagle cents. It is reflective of the strength of the numismatic market that this spectacular sale, made over a period of several years, did not disturb the price of the pieces.

Today little distinction is made between original 1856 flying eagle cents and restrikes, in fact it is not generally known that any were restrikes. The point is possibly moot, for restriking was done near the year indicated. In past years little attention was paid to striking coins precisely for the years dated, and many similar

examples are known. For instance, in the year 1879 only 15 examples of the 1879 flowing hair \$4 gold coins were made. The reported mintage of 415 1879 Flowing Hair pieces refers to the 15 made in 1879 and 400 pieces (also dated 1879) which were struck in 1880. However, with one or two exceptions. I have never seen any differentiation made in print between "original" and "restrike" \$4 specimens. In our time the 1776-1976 dated bicentennial coins were not only restruck, they were prestruck. Coinage began a year earlier, 1975. Interestingly, "restrikes" were produced for a number of years later in order to satisfy demands for collectors' sets. "Restrikes" have been made of numerous other United States issues as well. In December 1899 coinage was effected for the 1900 dated Lafayette commemorative silver dollars. In September of 1983 the first 1984-W \$10 Olympic commemorative gold pieces were struck at the West Point, New York minting facility. Other examples could be cited.

An article "The 1856 Flying Eagle Cent" by John F. Jones, published in the April 1944 issue of The Numismatist told of the pricing history of the

Issue. In 1859 specimens sold for \$2, a high premium for a coin at the time. Undoubtedly this price, which can be more spectacularly stated by noting that it is two hundred times face value, served as an impetus for restriking, for \$2 was a good day's pay! George W. Rice formed a hoard of 756 of this date around the turn of century, subsequently advertising them for sale in The Numismatist. Undoubtedly many of these pieces went en bloc to John Beck. While such hoards have staggering values today, it must be remembered that when they were collected the values were nominal. When Rice sold his pieces, average values were \$10 or less for a coin.

The 1856 flying eagle cent ha appreciated in value greatly over the years. By 1954 the price had risen to the \$300 range. In that year stack's held the Anderson-Dupont sale. I was beginning my efforts in the coin business, and a client had requested an 1856 flying eagle cent. I telephoned Harvey Stack in New York and asked him what one would cost me. He told me in a very apologetic tone that he would have to get "close to \$310" for one, that was what a specimen had realized in his auction, and he had to pay close to that to obtain another one for his stock! The price, it turned out, was a bargain, for a decade later it was worth almost ten times more!

The 1856 flying eagle cents were struck as patterns. Like several other patterns, they have been "adopted" by collectors into the regular series, so few people consider them to be patterns anymore. Indeed, a set of fling eagle cents without an 1856 would be deemed incomplete by most collectors. Many other patterns of the 1850s and 1860s are scarcer than the 1856 flying eagle cent. In fact the 1856 flying eagle cent is by far the most common pattern one-cent piece ever made, but the demand for it has propelled it to the position of being one of the most expensive issues of its denomination, a seemingly illogical situation!

Following successful coinage of 1856 flying eagle cents, thoughts of legislation turned to abandoning the old large cent standard and adopting the small cent format. The act o February 21, 1857, did exactly that, and the small cent was a legal reality. This inspired a campaign to exchange old coins for new. Struck to the extent of more than 17 million pieces, 1857 flying eagle cents were distributed through the banks. In the yard of the Philadelphia Mint a booth was set up with a sign proclaiming that new cents were available for old new ones and other coins. The 1857 flying eagle cents were put up in small bags containing \$5 face value (500 coins) each. Large cent redemption continued for many years, and as late as the mid-1870s over a million large cents were redeemed each year.

Cents of the year 1858 follow the same design as the 1857 and depicted on the obverse an eagle in flight facing left, UNITED STATES OF AMIRICA is in an arc above, and the date is below. The reverse is an agricultural

wreath composed of corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco. The entire com is a "copycat," for the features are not original. The flying eagle motif was designed by Christian Gobrecht and used on silver dollars two decades earlier. The wreath, the work of James B. Longacre, was earlier used on\$1 and \$3 pieces in 1854. The copper-nickel composition of the coins consisted of 88% copper and 12% nickel. The nickel imparted a bright coloration to the alloy, wit a result that these and copper-nickel Indian issues for years were referred to as "white cents." Flying eagle cents of the 1858 year are differentiated by two main varieties, those with large letters on the obverse and those with small letters. An additional variety, the 1858 7 overdate, is of interest. Unknown to numismatists for decades, the overdate came to light in the 1950s. Since that time it has received considerable publicity but still has remained searce.

The flying eagle cents, coined for circulation only in 1857 and 1858, are one of the most ephemeral of all United states coin designs.

Trouble developed with striking of the motif. The head and tail of the eagle in particular would not strike sharply unless special effort was made, as the wreath on the reverse was opposite in the dies from these features, and the requirement that metal flow in quantity in both directions was not satisfactory. In 1858 a very extensive effort to develop a new design was undertaken.

Today, 1856 flying eagle cents exist to the extent of probably a thousand or more pieces, with the supply augmented in 1970s by the dispersal of the Beck hoard. Proofs and impaired proofs are the most readily available conditions, but worn pieces are seen occasionally, remnants from those distributed to congressmen and others of in fluence to secure the coinage legislation. Uncirculated coins, those surviving from the original striking of approximately 600 pieces are rare.

Regular issue flying eagle cents of 1857 and 1858 are available in all grades from the lowest condition through uncirculated. Proofs of the 1857 are quite rare, and probably only a few dozen exist. The 1858 proofs are know to the extent of a hundred or so pieces at most.

Numismatist desiring flying eagle cents usually want them for inclusion in a type set (in which instance just a single date, usually a 1857 or 1858 will suffice), or for part of a set flying eagle and Indian cents (which are usually collected in combination with each other).

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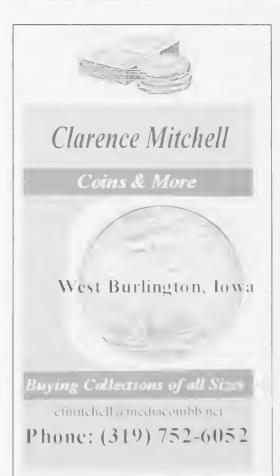
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